

8. Ye stayed the fire from its fierceness
for ATRI,
while lie praised you acceptably ; let
your protection
abide near me.

9. Through, his praise of you
SAFTAYABHSI set the
fire's flame-point (to his basket) ^j¹ let
your protec-
tion abide near me.

10. Come hither, lords of abundant
wealth, hear
this my invocation ; let your
protection abide
near me.

11. "Why is this (repeated invocation)
addressed
to you as if you were decrepit like old
men ?² Let
your protection abide near me,

12. ASWJNS, your relationship is
common and ye
have a common kinsman ;³ let your
protection abide
near me.

18. Your chariot, -AswiN[^] moves
swiftly through
the worlds, through heaven and earth. ;
let your pro-
tection abide near me.

14. Come to us with thousands of
herds of Battle
and* horses ; let your protection abide
near me.

^L Cf. *Rig Veda*, v. 78. 5.

* Sayana explain it, " as we see in ike -
world that an old man
does not come, though often called, so too
is it with you."

* Sayana's Cnmai. is here obscure, but
he explains the text as
meaning that the two Aswins were both
born from the wife of
the sun (sc. Yiyaswat), who had assumed

the form of a mare.
(Cf. Tii. 72. 2 and the passage ixom the
BrihaddeYata quoted h
the Comm.) He sseras to explain the common
Tritium.<m as mesniLg
either the sacrifickl ladle or the rishi
himself (of. yiii. 27.10).